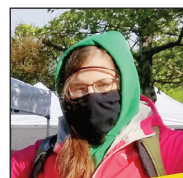




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## Heads Up, Cover Your Ears! It's 17-Year Cicada Time

by Julie Rapp

That is not a lawn mower or a chain saw you are hearing, but the sound of millions of cicadas known as Brood X returning after a 17-year hiatus. "Male cicadas will produce a mating call at 100 decibels, the level of a lawn mower or a jet engine flying overhead," said Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, the Greenbelt Public Works environmental coordinator.

Brood X cicadas are known as periodicals, not to be confused with the dog-day or annual cicadas that are here every summer. Brood X will emerge this spring as the ground warms, making their appearance in May, after spending 17 years underground gnawing on tree roots as nymphs. Once the cicadas emerge from the soil, they will crawl up tree trunks, posts and other upright structures, shed their skins and become winged adults.

### A Job to Do

At this stage of their lives, they do not eat and focus entirely

on reproduction. Female cicadas lay their eggs on the branches of trees with the eggs hatching in six weeks. The adult cicadas die after mating or laying their eggs. The young nymphs, once hatched, drop to the ground and burrow into the soil to live underground for the next 17 years. By emerging in masses every 17 years, the cicadas can overwhelm their enemies, ensuring that many cicadas will survive. "The cicadas provide a huge influx of protein for wildlife populations," Carpenter-Driscoll told the News Review. "Everything from raccoons, opossums, squirrels, frogs, birds and so forth will gorge themselves for a few weeks."

### Cicada Concerns

Cicadas do not bite or sting, but they are loud. They generally do not damage trees but may injure newly planted trees or shrubs when the females make

See **CICADAS**, page 11

## Greenbelt Vaccination Site Administers 50,000 Doses

by Glory Ngwe



PHOTO BY GLENN HARRIS

**A Coast Guard reservist and a Spanish language interpreter assist an incoming patient with pre-registration at the Greenbelt Metro vaccination site on Tuesday, April 27.**

*Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web [www.greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com).*

The Greenbelt Metro Community Vaccination Center (CVC) reached 50,000 administered Covid-19 vaccine doses on Monday, April 26. The milestone came and went as the staff kept moving thousands of people through.

"We are doing roughly 3,000 doses a day for this location," said Deputy Site Manager Dave Zarnick. "The intent behind this location was to ensure that all populations have access to a vaccine and that there's no one left behind."

The CVC trained the U.S. Air Force medical providers who are on-site administering vaccinations. There are currently over

250 staff but the number fluctuates as volunteers sometimes come to help. The process includes an information screening, the actual vaccination and an observation area where visitors rest for 15 minutes after being vaccinated. The entire process takes about 30 minutes.

"Once they go through the process, the feedback that we're getting from the citizens is that it's been very smooth," Zarnick said. "And that they didn't realize how quick it was to actually get a vaccine."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is funding and operating the center. Vaccine equity is at the core of its effort. "An individual who

See **VACCINE**, page 8

## Volunteers Beautify Attick Park By Weeding, Planting Natives

by Amy Hansen



PHOTO BY JENNIFER STERLING

**Volunteers plant native species including swamp milkweed, blue false indigo and scarlet bee balm in the pollinator garden at Buddy Attick Park.**

This Earth Day Celebration was a community effort to restore native plant species to the environment around Buddy Attick Park on Saturday, April 24. Twenty-five volunteers worked for three hours with Public Works staff to remove weeds and invasive species, install native plants and mulch around planting areas.

The volunteers planted 15 different species, said Greenbelt

Environmental Coordinator Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, who led the effort. The plants included swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*), a host plant for the monarch butterfly that prefers moist soil conditions; blue false indigo (*Baptisia australis*), a shrub-like perennial with beautiful blue flowers that is sometimes called rattlebush due to the noise its seed pods make in the wind; and scarlet bee

balm (*Monarda didyma*), a perennial with a showy red flower that attracts hummingbirds and other native pollinators.

"The goal of this event was to establish these native plants in an effort to support the native pollinator population with food sources and habitat, and to increase biodiversity overall. It will

See **EARTH DAY**, page 12

## New State Legislation Brings Changes to Local Policing

by Matthew Arbach

On April 10, Maryland became the first state to repeal the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights (LEOBOR) as well as to enact new legislation concerning use of force by police and the investigation and discipline process for officers, among other things. This was done by the

Democratic-majority state legislature in an overriding of Governor Larry Hogan's vetoes against these measures. House Speaker Adrienne Jones was the sponsor of the bill to repeal LEOBOR. As reported in the Washington Post, Jones said that "Maryland is leading the nation in transforming our broken policing system."

The new legislation includes mandated body cameras and a restriction on no-knock warrants. There is an establishment of civilian panels in the discipline of officers. Regarding this, the participation of a police chief has been retained, an aspect that some advocates oppose, pushing for complete civilian jurisdiction, as reported by the Washington Post. A very strict standard for use of force has been implemented, requiring a strong emphasis on initial de-escalation procedures, with a criminal penalty for officers who have been found to act with excessive force.

According to Greenbelt Police



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**Chief Richard Bowers**

Chief Richard Bowers, "the department is working to assess the new laws and the impact it will have on the Police Department. There are a number of sections in the new law that require the Police Training Commission to provide the specific rules on how departments are expected to carry out these sections. Once we have those rules, the department

See **POLICE**, page 9



# Letters to the Editor

## GHI Members Need Help

GHI members continue to be hit hard by the Covid-19 economic fall-out. Last year we formed the GHI Member-to-Member Covid-19 Relief Fund and 130 supporters generously gave over \$20,000. All deferred monthly co-op fees were paid. However, there are now 13 households that have deferred over \$25,300 in fees. We have reopened the fund and hope you'll join us in donating and spreading the word. As a cooperative, we're all in this together! Contribute at [chuffed.org/project/ghi-relief-fund](http://chuffed.org/project/ghi-relief-fund).

Cynthia Newcomer

## Politically Ineffective

In her April 22, 2021, letter to the News Review in support of Mayor Colin Byrd, Melissa Ann Ehrenreich concluded by asking: "What more can we ask of an elected representative than to speak the truth?" I'd like to answer her question.

I expect an elected representative to be able to work constructively with other government leaders, even those with opposing ideas.

I expect an elected leader to know how to creatively come up with solutions for problems and not just denigrate the work of others.

I expect such a person to propose pro-active plans as alternatives to existing policies.

I expect a good leader to know what occasions, media and style are the best ways to make a point so as to produce results, not just to draw attention.

I expect an elected official to know how to speak the truth effectively so as to help solve problems, not create further messes.

Colin Byrd met none of those expectations at the opening ceremony of the Greenbelt Metro Station vaccination site.

While I have sympathy for the points Byrd was trying to make, and while I think there was truth in what he said, his performance that day indicates that he still has a lot to learn to be considered an effective elected representative. The city council was right to censure him because his behavior was politically ineffective and potentially damaging to our city.

Frank DeBernardo

## State Should Have Led

I agree with Mayor Colin Byrd's assessment of the negative quality of the vaccine distribution conducted by Governor Larry Hogan. The vaccine distribution which started this past winter seemed to have been poorly planned. At the time, I was most anxious to receive a vaccination since a Covid-19 virus infection could well have been fatal. (I am a White male over 80 years of age.) However, although moderately computer savvy, I was unable to schedule an appointment for the vaccine. For example, I raced to my computer when the appointments for the Sports Arena site were announced. To my dismay, I could not schedule one although I tried repeatedly for many days. None seemed to be available for the then-foreseeable future. I later found out that residents from outside Prince George's County were able to get appointments, but appointments in other counties were closed to

Prince George's County residents.

Surely a statewide authority should have been set up last fall when we first learned that vaccines were likely to be certified in early 2021. Instead, Hogan left it to the counties in Maryland to administer the vaccine. His decision led to confusion and chaos with the vaccine distribution. I finally received the vaccine, following a telephone number supplied by my next-door neighbor. For that information, I was most grateful, as was my other neighbor when I gave him that same number.

I leave it to others to determine the appropriateness or inappropriateness of Byrd's comments to Hogan. That action, and that of the Greenbelt City Council in reprimanding the mayor, I will leave to other and wiser minds to judge. I will only say that I was so grateful when I got the vaccine that I thanked the administering nurse for saving my life.

Shalom Fisher

## Changing the Subject

The questionable way the Greenbelt City Council and Greenbelt News Review reacted to the Maryland Emergency Management Administration executive director attempting to cut off the mayor's remarks at a FEMA (i.e., federal government not Maryland) event were well covered in recent letters to the editor.

A key point, however, was missed: The episode is a case study in "performance authoritarian," Russian-style "reflexive control," and "lawfare" – depending on your angle – all authoritarian propaganda methods weaponizing democratic institutions to manufacture controversy or doubt, trigger quick emotion-based decision-making and hijack media attention away from serious issues.

FEMA's website at [fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/vaccine-support/vaccine-center](http://fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/vaccine-support/vaccine-center) indicates CDC's Social Vulnerability Index and other Census data inform FEMA site selection (i.e., not politicking). While some of the letter writers recognized that this means vulnerable people in and near Greenbelt are suffering at emergency levels, it appears the city council and News Review reporter and editorial writers were oblivious dupes in "changing the subject" from this worrisome fact.

It is only a matter of time before GIS maps become publicly available showing Covid-19 infections, deaths and economic harm filtered by neighborhood income and demographics, including voting patterns. Time will tell what such maps for Maryland show, but it is pretty obvious they will show a Covid-19 emergency for vulnerable populations in and near Greenbelt.

Emergencies tend to happen when leaders fail to take action, pretend the emergency is not happening, can't come to consensus, etc. We also know the mayor previously had a run-in with the council in January for criticizing an African-American delegate for his stance against a special session on Covid-19. The mayor's far-sighted concerns, however, were hijacked – again using authoritarian propaganda techniques – to narrowly focus on his use of the term "cornball brother" and draw attention away from lessening the growing emergency.

Weird. Who benefits?

Monica Jerbi

## Equalities Explored

Hats off to Mayor Colin Byrd for standing up to Governor Larry Hogan. It's about time we had vaccine equality – a key civil rights issue of our day. My only disappointment was that Byrd did not also advocate for mask equality. I see too many people walking the streets of Greenbelt or riding in their cars without wearing a mask. No doubt, some cannot afford a mask. The State of Maryland should make masks available to those that cannot afford one. Congratulations to Byrd for a courageous stand.

Trudy Croyeur

## Status Quo?

For some time, I suspected that the majority of the Greenbelt City Council were preoccupied with maintaining the status quo simply because it was the status quo. Now I am convinced that this is the case.

Two events in particular have led me to this conclusion. One is the council's refusal to endorse (1) federal Green New Deal legislation and (2) the development of recommendations as to whether and how Greenbelt should adopt a local Green New Deal. Here in Greenbelt, we frequently talk up our New Deal heritage, but what about the problems of today's America, which are immense? We can disagree robustly over the details, but a nationwide program of economic and environmental transformation that could be aptly named the Green New Deal is desperately needed.

The other event is the rush by a majority of council members to censure Mayor Byrd for his comments on Maryland's vaccine rollout. As others have noted in public forums, that rollout, a matter of life and death, was far from perfect. Why do these council members feel threatened when our mayor speaks out about this urgent public issue? Perhaps they have forgotten the saying attributed to American patriot Patrick Henry, "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

One of the dysfunctional features of the United States Congress is that its members (regardless of party) often seem to want power more than they care about the common good. Due to the advantages of incumbency, they keep getting reelected long after their sense of judgment has become impaired. Perhaps something like this has happened on the small stage of Greenbelt politics.

Charles Hoffacker

## Se Habla Español

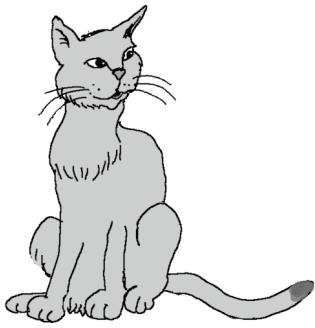
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PETE REPPERT



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The Prince George's County Memorial Library System clarifies that customers may now make book appointments online or via its Ask A Librarian/Biblio Consult service. The six library branches providing computer access and limited browsing (Bowie, Laurel, New Carrollton, Oxon Hill, South Bowie and Spauldings) opened Wednesday, April 28, but the date for reopening the Greenbelt Library has not yet been determined.

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Deadline for letters is 6 p.m. Monday. Submission does not guarantee publication. Letters should be no longer than 300 words (shorter letters are more likely to be published).

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# Community Events

## May Day Rally to Save Spellman Overpass

A symbolic treasure of Greenbelt's history and heavily traveled pedestrian bridge connecting Old Greenbelt and Greenbelt East across the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (BWP), the Spellman Trail and Overpass, will be permanently closed if the SCMaglev project is approved.

Make your voice heard that this is unacceptable to the citizens of Greenbelt! Voice your support for the "No Build Option" (the only option that will save the bridge) and take part in a May Day Rally to Save Spellman Overpass on Saturday, May 1 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Beginning at Roosevelt Center, Mayor Colin Byrd will provide brief opening remarks to kick things off. Plans are also underway to gain permission to gather outside the Greenbriar Community Center. Delegate Nicole Williams, Greenbelt City Council Member Judith "J" Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Emmett Jordan have also offered to speak. At the conclusion of opening remarks, citizens are invited to march to the bridge and make their presence known. Signs are encouraged!

Due to Covid-19, rally participants will be required to wear face coverings and practice social distancing, as required by the City of Greenbelt.

The rally is sponsored by Celebrate the Greenbelt Forest Preserve ([greenbeltforestpreserve.org](http://greenbeltforestpreserve.org)) and the Maryland Coalition for Responsible Transit ([mcrt-action.org](http://mcrt-action.org)). Visit their websites and/or Facebook pages for more information.

## Scholarship Open

The Boxwood Village Civic Association offers an annual \$500 scholarship to a current Boxwood Village resident. It is available to graduating high school seniors and full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students. The scholarship is partially funded through the proceeds from the Boxwood booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, Annual Boxwood Yard Sale and other activities.

The application form should be completed and returned by June 30. A scholarship committee comprised of three Boxwood Village residents will choose this year's recipient. For further information or to pick up an application form, email Pat McAndrew at [pmcandrew@mzmlaw.net](mailto:pmcandrew@mzmlaw.net).

## Beltway Plaza Fun

Visit Beltway Plaza on Saturday, May 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. for a Mother's Day Celebration. There will be free corsages for all moms and live music from the Maring Sunshine Family Band Trio performing at Center Court.

## Community Church Streams String Concert

Join Jan and Laura Knutson for a free live-streamed guitar and violin concert this Thursday evening, April 29 from 8 to 9 p.m. It can be accessed through this link: [fb.me/e/3ps9ePFQ7](https://fb.me/e/3ps9ePFQ7). The concert will be streamed from Greenbelt Community Church. The Knutsons will be playing a mix of Latin American and traditional American selections, along with premiers of some of Jan's original compositions. This is part of a nationally broadcast series of livestreamed concerts sponsored by the AFM Musicians Union's Music Performance Trust Fund partnering with venues throughout the country and accessed through Facebook Live using the link above.

Email Laura at [lcknutson@verizon.net](mailto:lcknutson@verizon.net) with any questions.

## Whole Town Tales

Aileen Kroll and John Buck, co-founders of the Center for Dynamic Community Governance, will present at the International Annual Dynamic Governance/Sociocracy virtual conference on Thursday, May 6 at 12:20 p.m. The talk is entitled Implementing a Whole Town? Tales from Historic Greenbelt. Join for a fun 40 minutes of joy and inspiration; also check out the rest of the program. Register at [sociocracyforall.org/sociocracy-conference-2021](http://sociocracyforall.org/sociocracy-conference-2021).

## GAFC Is Hiring

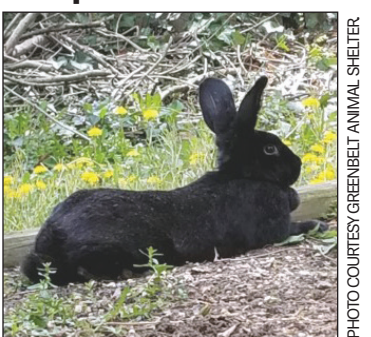
The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center is posting job openings. These include lifeguards, pool managers, swimming instructors, water safety and water exercise instructors. To learn more about these opportunities and other city positions, go to [GreenbeltMD.gov](http://GreenbeltMD.gov) and navigate to Human Resources and then Current Job Openings. These and other city positions are listed with information on pay and whether they are full- or part-time, permanent or temporary.

## Registration Opens To Honor Caregivers

Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) and Dementia Friendly America Northern Prince George's County are hosting a free, drive-thru caregiver appreciation event in Greenbelt on Thursday, May 27 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Greenbelt's unpaid caregivers will receive 10 gift bags full of thank you items for their dedication to providing care during the pandemic.

Pre-register at: [forms.gle/mEvWPQxGA3l8qGhs5](https://forms.gle/mEvWPQxGA3l8qGhs5). For more information contact Katherine Farzin at [kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov) or 240-542-2019.

## Adoptable Rabbit



Gabbro the rabbit enjoys a nice ear rub and eating vegetables.

The Greenbelt Animal Shelter has a rabbit available for adoption. Gabbro enjoys a nice ear rub and loves exploring absolutely everywhere she can. She is a high jumper and likes to jump on top of couches, tables and her own cage. She is very sweet around people and loves to eat fresh vegetables, except for celery.

## Arts Advisory Board

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet online on Monday, May 3 at 7 p.m. For access information, write to [ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov) or call 301-474-8000 Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Topics will include recaps of the Grant Review panel meeting and recent community arts events, and planning for AAB-sponsored activities.

## Youth Plays on Social Justice At Greenbelt Arts Center

Two Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) students, Mecca Lartigue and Anya Wilkinson, are working with the Greenbelt Arts Center to produce a set of three one-act plays on social justice themes, to be streamed live on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2. Tickets for viewing are free and can be reserved at [greenbeltartscenter.org](http://greenbeltartscenter.org). Zoom slots are limited and viewers are encouraged to request their tickets early.

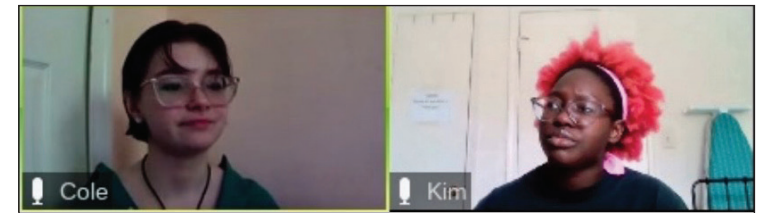
The one-acts are selected from the Free Play Series Toward an Antiracist Tomorrow by Idris Goodwin. The Water Gun Song, directed by recent ERHS graduate Niya John, depicts a parent trying to find the words to explain to a child why a water gun isn't simply a toy. This play is suitable for viewing by ages 6 and up and will be followed by a panel discussion talk-back with the audience.

The second play, #MATTER, finds three former high-school friends debating matters of life and race. It is directed by ERHS student Andi Fontaine. The production concludes with Black Flag, directed by ERHS student DaNya Ford, in which two new college roommates are excited to start their freshman year together, until one decides to decorate

their room with a little piece of "Southern Pride." These two plays are suitable for viewing by ages 14 and up, and there will be a second panel discussion at the end of the show.

When asked about the plays, Youth Producer Wilkinson said, "I think the plays are relatable in their reality, and that audiences will not only see themselves in these conversations, but maybe understand others a bit better." Her colleague Lartigue commented, "This project called to me because I have always been an activist and hoping to make change in my community. I hope we send the message that no type of discrimination or prejudice is warranted, and that it's always important to keep an open ear when someone needs it." The Youth Producers and Directors were mentored by veteran local directors and teachers Rikki Howie Lacewell and Kate Magill Robinson.

During Covid-19, the Greenbelt Arts Center is bringing on-line productions of important works to the residents of Greenbelt and the surrounding area. There is a suggested donation for viewing the show. Live on-line performances are 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, and 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 2.




In the play #MATTER, Apple DeGeorge, above left, plays Cole and Evelyn Wiredu plays Kim. Below, Stella Satterfield, left, plays Sam and Marlon Brown plays Jules in The Water Gun Song.



- Screenshots by Mecca Lartigue

More Community Events  
are located throughout the paper.



GREENBELT ARTS CENTER

a series of FREE PLAYS  
toward an  
ANTIRACIST TOMORROW  
youth produced and directed!

by idris goodwin, produced by mecca lartigue & anya wilkinson  
directed by andi fontaine, danya ford & niya john with kate magill & rikki howie

Live Online: Saturday, May 1 at 7pm & Sunday, May 2 at 3pm  
discussion after each show [greenbeltartscenter.org](http://greenbeltartscenter.org)

Also showing: Two Noble Kinsmen by the Rude Mechanicals, April 30 & May 1

GATe's featured film this week is Mary Surratt: Mystery Woman of the Lincoln Assassination

Abraham Lincoln died on April 15, 1865.

The conspirators who committed this murder were caught and executed.

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| 8 am     | Democracy Now!  | Repeat of Yesterday's Program                                |
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# GHI Opposes Maglev, Urges Members To Take Action

by the GHI Communications Committee

Time is of the essence to take action to oppose the Superconducting Magnetic Levitation (SC-MagLev) train, which is proposed to be built between Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, with the long-term goal of extending the train operation to New York City. The routes proposed in the current Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will run along the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, so it will impact Greenbelt as well as Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties.

Some of the impacts specific to Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), as outlined in the DEIS, are the permanent removal of the Spellman Overpass walkway across the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and loss of about 25 percent of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. Because of the magnitude of this project and the proposal for the train to emerge from underground near the GHI offices, GHI homes will probably experience noise and vibration effects to the homes, not only during the building of the maglev, but possibly during its operation as well.

The GHI Board of Directors voted on February 15, 2018, to oppose this project and support the No Build option. Since this project will impact our community, now is the time to make one's

voice heard. Here are two ways for GHI members and others to take action to oppose the maglev:

1. The U.S. Congress will need to approve the transfer of federal land to the company building the maglev. Land from the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and Patuxent Research Refuge will be needed to build this high-speed train. Contact U.S. Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen and U.S. Representative Steny Hoyer and ask them to oppose the project's acquisition of federal land.

2. Read the DEIS and make specific comments about the project. The deadline is May 24. Submit comments online at [bwmaglev.info/project-documents/deis](http://bwmaglev.info/project-documents/deis).

Learn about the maglev project by visiting these two websites: Maryland Coalition for Responsible Transit (MCRT) at [mcrcoalition.wixsite.com/website/scmaglev-opposition](http://mcrcoalition.wixsite.com/website/scmaglev-opposition) or Prince George's Sierra Club Statement on Maglev at [sierraclub.org/maryland/prince-georges/blog/2021/04/baltimore-washington-maglev-more-harm-good](http://sierraclub.org/maryland/prince-georges/blog/2021/04/baltimore-washington-maglev-more-harm-good). Also, watch Council Member Dannielle Glaros' community forum that took place March 30, available at [facebook.com/PGDistrict3/videos/maglev-community-forum/3824446280976097/](https://facebook.com/PGDistrict3/videos/maglev-community-forum/3824446280976097/).

# Mishkan Torah Synagogue Sisterhood Supports Pantry

by Robin Olson

Like most women's auxiliaries of religious organizations, Mishkan Torah Sisterhood runs fundraisers to support the synagogue. One of those is sending greeting cards (mitzvah cards), when requested, for a fee. A portion of the proceeds from these cards is used to make donations to various organizations that support human rights, civil rights, issues related to women and children, and food insecurity.

The St. Hugh Pantry has been one of the organizations the Sisterhood has supported with a yearly donation. This past year due to the pandemic, the Mishkan Torah Sisterhood decided to have individuals make personal donations of food to the Pantry in addition to the congregational collection made each year in the fall. They then decided to put out a call to Sisterhood members to make monetary donations to be sent to the Pantry in lieu of the normal donation, hoping to raise more money than would normally be given. At the end of the effort, Sisterhood raised \$700 for the pantry as well as having members routinely drop food off at the church.

Said Olson, Sisterhood Mitzvah Card Chair, "Greenbelt is a great community, and we all miss our popular rummage and jewelry sales, the bazaar at St. Hugh and the other events of the various churches in Greenbelt that have brought us together as a community and helped all of us in our efforts to make the world a better place. I am hoping for a more normal year coming up, where we can again gather as an interfaith community in love and fellowship and support for each other's mitzvah (good deed) projects."



PHOTO BY ASHLEY MULLANE

Robin Olson, on behalf of Mishkan Torah Sisterhood, donates food to the St. Hugh Food Pantry.



Greenbelt is in bloom.

PHOTO BY MARA HEMMINGER



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**At the Library**

The Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) is entering Phase 2 with limited branch services starting on Wednesday, April 28, by appointment at selected libraries. Appointments can be made for 1-hour computer use or 15-minutes of browsing borrowable library materials. The nearest libraries to Greenbelt are New Carrollton, Bowie and Laurel – a reopening date has not yet been set for the Greenbelt library. Book appointments at [pgcmls.info/reopening](http://pgcmls.info/reopening) or 240-455-5451.

Greenbelt curbside service hours (by appointment only): Tuesdays, 1 to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, 1 to 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 1 to 6 p.m.; and Saturdays, 1 to 5 p.m. Greenbelt also now has mobile printing available. More information is available at [pgcmls.info/mobile-printing](http://pgcmls.info/mobile-printing).

**Vaccine Assistance**

PGCMLS offers an English and Spanish Covid-19 Vaccine Hunter Hotline at 240-392-3622 operating Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The hotline will assist by directly booking vaccination appointments, adding people to vaccine pre-registration lists and answering questions about the vaccination process.

**2021 Tax Season**

The deadlines for filing tax returns or extension requests are Monday, May 17, for federal returns and Thursday, July 15, for Maryland state returns. The Library has a limited number of Form 1040/1040-SR (including Schedules 1-3) booklets and associated instructions in either English or Spanish.

**Library Poetry Contest**

The Library celebrates National Poetry Month with its second annual Poetry Contest. This year’s theme is: What the Library means to you. Poems must be original works but can be any style or length. One entry per poet will be accepted through April, at [pgcmls.info/poetry](http://pgcmls.info/poetry). Winning poets will receive a gift card, an opportunity to share at an open mic night in May and publication in the Library’s Poetry Hub.

**Read to Hatch Program**

PGCMLS offers Hatchlings: Read to Hatch, a program for expectant mothers, through May. This program is based on the early-literacy Mother Goose on the Loose: Hatchlings program for parents and caregivers of children from birth to 3 years old and the Mother Goose on the Loose Goslings program for premature babies and mothers.

**Kids Achieve Club**


The Kids Achieve Club program provides academic support through homework assistance and reading practice for English for Speakers of Other Languages students in grades 1 to 6. The program was created to support the unique needs of English learners to foster a love of reading and to provide academic support.

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# City Information & Events

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### VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR MAY 3-7

Monday, May 3 at 7:00pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: recaps of the Grant Review panel meeting and recent community arts events; planning for AAB-sponsored activities*

Monday, May 3 at 7:30pm **BUDGET WORK SESSION re: Public Safety** *Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and Streaming at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv)*

Tuesday, May 4 at 7:00pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, *On the Agenda: finalizing report to council on the Just & Fair Policing Proposal by the Mayor.*

Wednesday, May 5 at 7:00pm, **ACE STUDENT AWARDS/ COUNCIL WORK SESSION Council Discussion of Procedure and Decorum for Council Meetings** *Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and Streaming at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv)*

Wednesday, May 5 at 6:30pm, **EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD, Virtual**

Thursday, May 6 at 5:30pm, **BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING, Virtual**

*In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltnmd.gov). This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov).*

### Notice of Charter Amendment Resolution

At its regular meeting of April 26, 2021, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until June 5, at the Municipal Building and on the City’s Web site [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov). Copies may also be requested of the City Clerk. It will become effective on June 15, 2021, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. As also required by state law, this notice is given to provide a fair summary of the resolution.

Charter Amendment Resolution Number 2021-1 (Resolution Number 2091) A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Amend Section 2 of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, to amend Section 27 titled “Absentee Voting” by replacing with “Mail-In Voting” of the Greenbelt City Charter.

Purpose: To amend the City Charter to replace absentee voting with mail-in voting. Mail-in voting would allow voters to request a ballot (no reasons needed) to vote in the upcoming 2021 Council Election. However, the voters will still have the option to participate in early voting or in-person voting on Election Day.

For more information, please contact the City Clerk at 301-474-3870 or email [banderson@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltnmd.gov)



### GREENBELT VACCINATION STATION- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FEMA and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) is asking for 30 volunteers a day to help out at the Greenbelt Metro Station.

- Please sign up through the Maryland DART system and register [www.mddart.org](http://www.mddart.org)
- If you have problems with DART registration, you can send an email with your availability to [GreenbeltCERT@gmail.com](mailto:GreenbeltCERT@gmail.com).

- 1) Please include your name, cell number, and dates/times available.
- 2) Let me know if you would like to be considered for an early vaccination. Volunteer hours may be required before you can be vaccinated.
- 3) After every volunteer day, please send your hours to [GreenbeltCERT@gmail.com](mailto:GreenbeltCERT@gmail.com) so we can credit your time.

### CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO ONE OF THE CITY’S CHARITABLE FUNDS

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**Funds include: Good Samaritan Fund, Emergency Assistance Fund, Greenbelt Recreation, and Advisory Committee on Education.**

**Find out more at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov/donations](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/donations).**

You can also mail a money order or check to: City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Please notate which fund in the notes section of the check. You may also use the drop box on flag side of the building. Receipts will be provided and mailed out to you.



### Greenbelt Recreation Summer 2021 Camp Guide

NOW AVAILABLE!

Visit the Greenbelt Virtual Recreation Center at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/recreation)

Resident registration going on now. Non-Resident registration begins on Monday, May 3 at 10am

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

**For more information call 301- 474-8000**



### MOONLIT MOVIES

Braden Field , Behind the Youth Center  
Fridays, April 2 - May 28

Tickets will be sold through Old Greenbelt Theatre. Purchase a circle for up to 5 household members at \$25 per circle. Event max participation is limited to 100 guests.

**Visit <https://greenbelttheatre.org/> for more info.**



### Greenbelt Recreation is now hiring!

Summer Camp Staff, Lifeguards, Park Rangers, and Recreation Center Leaders

Please visit [www.greenbeltnmd.gov/jobs](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/jobs) to apply now.

Call 301-397-2200 for more information.



### Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center parking lot

Friday, May 21, 6:30am-8:30am

## Celebrate 20 years of Bike to Work Day!

The annual event traditionally celebrates bicycling as a fun, eco-friendly, low-cost commuting option, and it provides both physical and mental health benefits. To make sure even those working from home can participate, we are encouraging telecommuting registrants to bike to their pit stop and then cycle back home to start the workday. The pit stop is a grab ‘n go, contactless pick-up event. Face masks and social distancing will be enforced.



**bike to work day 2021**

**Register at [biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://biketoworkmetrodc.org);**

**Pit Stop Manager: Di Quynn Reno, 240-542-2053.**

### More Spring Arts Activities Starting Soon!

Live on Zoom

- Portrait Drawing (5/7, ages 16 and up)
- Draw Like Your Favorite Illustrators (5/5, ages 6 and up)
- Insect Zoo (5/14, ages 6 and up)
- Mandala Pendants (5/17, ages 6 and up)

Advance registration required. Contact Amanda Larsen for more information: [alarsen@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:alarsen@greenbeltnmd.gov).



# The Greenbelt Farmers Market Girds Up for Covid Year Two

by Cathie Meetre

This time last year, it wasn't clear if there could be a 2020 Greenbelt Farmers Market, but with a bit of luck and a good push, the market succeeded in welcoming several hundred visitors each week, giving market vendors a good sales year and many visitors access to, literally, the only show in town. Fortunately, things in 2021 are not quite so uncertain, and opening day, Mother's Day, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., is not far off. Covid-19, however, isn't over yet and its challenges will again result in an adapted market. There is some optimism that constraints may be relaxed as the season progresses and new guidance emerges, but for now, the word from the county is 'Business as Unusual' for this season.

**Who's On First**  
This year's market board has some new faces. Breanna Boylan and Jeff Lemieux are both rookies this year. Lemieux recently got his feet wet by preparing a grant application to the Greenbelt Community Foundation while Boylan is rising to the occasion by pitching in with market layout and signage. There's always plenty of work to go around. In very good news for vendors, customers and the board, now-seasoned-veteran Market Master Frances Ippoliti is back. Last year saw her suffer the slings and arrows of a market like no other but she tackled them with style and grace. Ippoliti and the new board members join veterans President Terry Kucera, Secretary Carissa Ralbovsky, Treasurer Cathie Meetre, Vendor Liaison Anne Marigza and Government Liaison Carol MacAdam in the new season's rollout.

**Covid-19 Rules Remain**  
Though the board had requested the county to consider some additional leeway in market layout and rules, the set of constraints for last year remain in force with no inkling from officials as to whether changes are likely during the season (May 9 to December 5 excluding the Sunday of Labor Day). The edict that puts tents 12 feet from each other in all directions remains. Also returning are the one-way system, a single entry and exit, and a taped-off perimeter around the market. Within the market, six-foot spacing is the rule when waiting for service and stock is to be handled only by vendors. All forms of payment are accepted, but individual vendors may have particular requirements or methods in force.

Visitors will be offered hand sanitizer at the entrance and masks are required, properly worn to cover the nose and mouth. There is no eating or drinking in the market so purchased food items must be taken outside the market boundary for consumption. Volunteers will be on hand to monitor visitors entering the market and to help protect the health and safety of all. Regulations will be enforced regardless of a visitor's vaccination status or acquired immunity – constraints remain equally on all comers until rescinded by the county.

**SNAP Snaps Back**  
Also back this year is the ever-more-popular SNAP pro-



Terry Kucera demonstrates caution at last year's Farmers Market.

gram that has been a lifeline to many in the last year. This federal program (which used to be referred to as food stamps) and several other similar programs to aid those on limited incomes to purchase food, are being matched up to \$10 per market from Prince George's County grant funds. It's a program where everybody wins. Families and seniors enjoy great-quality food on a budget and vendors sell more produce. The market has steadily increased participation from an average of one family per week in 2017 to five families per week in 2020, with a high of 14 families served one week in November 2020. The program has the full backing from the Maryland Market Money program in 2021 and the market anticipates further growth, with both SNAP benefits and Farmers Market Nutrition Program benefits eligible for matching starting Day One. Ippoliti will be administering the program while Ralbovsky attends to governmental and financial concerns.

**Market Vendors**  
Because of the 12-foot spacing

constraint, the number of vendors onsite on any Sunday remains overall below the market of 2019 but by dint of alternating some vendors, providing for pop-up opportunities and the application of what might be called non-linear geometry in laying out the booths, the lineup of vendors remains diverse and comprehensive. All the long-time favorites are back with some new-to-Greenbelt vendors. Collectively, they create a shifting tapestry of everything from mushrooms to beer, micro-greens to ice cream, and oysters and salmon to plants and flowers. The market thanks those who have contributed generously to the market this year, including its sponsors. For more information on the market, to sign up for its newsletter, to volunteer and to see the vendors (including information on ordering ahead), go to [GreenbeltFarmersMarket.org](http://GreenbeltFarmersMarket.org). Volunteers are heartily welcome and can sign up from the website – the constraints of the pandemic mean fielding almost double the normal number of volunteers each Sunday.

## Online No-Confidence Letter Criticizes Mayor Colin Byrd

by Cathie Meetre

In an online letter of no confidence on the Greenbelters Facebook page, posted on April 25, an anonymous group (Concerned Citizens of Greenbelt) requests Greenbelters to add their signatures to the letter which criticizes Mayor Colin Byrd for his recent remarks at the opening of the FEMA vaccination site (see issue of April 15). The letter also references remarks made to a Maryland delegate. As of 7 p.m. on April 27, 49 people had signed.

Byrd's remarks at the FEMA vaccination site have sparked controversy among residents and were the subject of a council vote of censure based on city charter limitations on the mayor's role. The group claims to include individuals whose political views run across political persuasions and apparently include some members who supported the mayor in his two previous runs for council.



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# The Three Sisters Gardens Growing Greenbelt Gems

by Julie Rapp

The Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens are three gardens located in separate parts of Greenbelt. The center garden is located behind the Community Center, the west garden is located behind the Springhill Lake Recreation Center and the east garden is located in Schrom Hills Park. All three gardens were conceived, developed and implemented by the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS). CHEARS is a Greenbelt-based nonprofit organization comprised entirely of volunteers who are committed to learning about the environment and sustainable landscape practices and in promoting ecological stewardship in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Maggie Cahalan, CHEARS project coordinator for the Three Sisters Gardens, told the News Review that the name, the Three Sisters, comes from the Native American ancient practice of companion planting corn, beans and squash together. These crops benefit from one another; corn stalks provide a structure for the beans to climb, beans contribute nitrogen to the soil and the squash act as a living mulch. “It’s a metaphor for the three areas of Greenbelt – center, east and west,” said Cahalan. She adds, “These three areas of Greenbelt are each different but complementary and by working together we can build a better community for all.” Greenbelt, a planned garden city, was first established to provide open green spaces for its residents, offering inner walkways, numerous parks and community gardens. “So, a garden like this makes sense here,” Cahalan remarked.

The gardens began in 2010 after CHEARS was awarded a \$1,500 grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation. With matching funds donated by CHEARS, the combined amount



Three Sisters Garden at Schrom Hills Park

was used to provide numerous workshops for the community, some of which focused on planting native and edible plants friendly to the Chesapeake Bay area. CHEARS was also able to purchase fruit and nut trees, seeds and starter plants. With the help of volunteers and the City of Greenbelt Public Works, the trees were planted and the three gardens established. The gardens were designed to be inclusive, meaningful and enjoyed by people of all generations, ethnic backgrounds and races as well as individuals with disabilities. They are sustained entirely by volunteers who help with mowing, weeding,

planting and watering. Mulch is donated and provided to the gardens by the city.

Each spring CHEARS obtains non-hybrid seeds from various

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Carolyn Lambright-Davis is the coordinator for the Three Sisters Garden behind Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

- Photos by Julie Rapp

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The logo for the Greenbelt Housing Initiative (GHI) features a stylized house icon with the letters "GHI" inside.

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**  
**GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Thursday, May 6, 2021**

**A. GHI Special Open Session Meeting – starts at 7:00 p.m. (open to members and visitors)**

- Approve Motion to Hold an Executive Session Meeting on May 6, 2021

**B. GHI Executive Session Meeting – starts after the GHI Special Open Session meeting adjourns (closed to members and visitors)**

- Approve Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting held on April 1, 2021
- Member Financial Matter
- Request that a Non-member be Allowed to Temporarily Reside in a GHI Unit
- Consider Approval of the Following Contracts:
  - 2021 Contract for Replacing Roofs on Attached and Detached Garages – 2nd reading
  - 2021 Contract for Sidewalk Repairs – 1st reading
- Member Complaint Matters

**C. GDC Open Session Meetings – starts at 7:45 p.m. (open to visitors)**

- Approve Minutes of the Open Session Meeting held on April 1, 2021
- Establish a date for the Annual Stockholders’ Meeting
- Report on the Operations of GDC for the Year 2020
- Review 2020 Year-end Financial Statements
- Proposed Revision to GDC Task Force Charter
- Proposed Revision to GDC’s Bylaws

**D. GHI Regular Open Session Meeting – starts after the GDC Open Session Meeting adjourns (open to members and visitors)**

- Announcement of Executive Session Meeting held on April 15, 2021
- Announcement of Complaint Hearing held on April 21, 2021
- Announcement of Complaint Hearing held on April 26, 2021
- Announcement of Executive Session Meeting held on May 6, 2021
- Approve Minutes of the Special Open Session Meeting held on April 1, 2021
- Approve Minutes of the Regular Open Session Meeting held on April 1, 2021
- Permit Request for Installation of a Fence in the Yard of a GHI Unit that Requires Consideration of GHI Rule §VII.A.1.c
- Finance Committee’s Recommendation re: Proposed Alternate Agreement for GHI Solar PVES
- Review 2020 Year-end Financial Statements
- Proposed Revisions to GHI Employee Handbook
- Draft Policy for Utilization of the Recreational Vehicle Lots

Contact information for attending the Board meeting via Zoom is as follows:

When: May 6, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:  
<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tj0qdeuhrD8uGNAnkAlpMbjsUtoyD1HFz5R>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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To request a sign language interpreter for a board meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

Regular Board meetings are open to Members  
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wants a vaccine will get a vaccine and this location has been successful in doing that,” Zarnick said. “Individuals will come from an apartment complex and come with their neighbors to get a vaccine.”

The CVC may have extra doses available for walk-ups, according to Public Affairs Specialist Aissha Flores.

Upon arrival, visitors can speak with a staff member who can help them register and start the process. There are wheelchairs available and translators for several languages, including ASL.

Zarnick said one of the CVC’s priorities is spreading the vaccination message around to people of the local community. “We’ve gone out to the local businesses in the surrounding area, passed out flyers to advertise,” he said.

FEMA is also reaching out to communities within Prince George’s County, offering to provide speakers at local meetings or events through its Speakers Bureau Program. This program provides face-to-face dialog, in person or virtually, with a local group, organization, community or business to explain details about the vaccination process, different sites and how to register.

The program prioritizes populations in Prince George’s County that have higher numbers of social vulnerabilities as identified by the Census Bureau.

FEMA offers this personal

connection as a way for communities to have their questions answered and to build trustworthy relationships with residents.

There are currently six county-operated vaccination sites. According to the Prince George’s Covid-19 Dashboard, the sites have contributed to more than 500,000 vaccine doses provided so far. The County Board of Public Health reported that as of April 23, 42.6 percent of residents ages 16 and over have received at least one vaccine dose. There are, according to Prince George’s County Board of Public Health spokesperson George Lettis, an estimated 728,050 residents ages 16 and older.

“Our goal is to have 473,232 residents vaccinated by this summer, or 65 percent of this population and 80 percent by this fall,” Lettis said. “We are now at 65.5 percent of our summer goal. Last week we were at 57.6 percent.”

The Greenbelt CVC is located at the Greenbelt Metro Station, 5717 Greenbelt Metro Drive, parking lot 1A. People ages 16 and older now are eligible for the vaccine. Register on the Maryland GoVax website or phone app. While the vaccination site will not be at the Metro indefinitely, the actual end date is not yet known. “As of now, we’re still working on the end date,” said Flores on April 27.

*Glory Ngwe is a University of Maryland journalism student writing for the News Review.*



A volunteer greets incoming patients at the Greenbelt Metro vaccination site on Tuesday, April 27.

## Greenbelt Metro Vaccination Center Speaks Your Language



*Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web [www.greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com).*

The Greenbelt Community Vaccination Center (CVC) continues working to ensure everyone who wants a vaccine can ask for one, offering live on-demand American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters and Certified Deaf Interpreters (CDI) for the deaf and hard of hearing community. Interpreters for spoken languages can assist speakers of Spanish, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, French, Twi, Igbo and Yoruba. Interpretation for additional languages is available with over-the-phone interpreters for 187 languages. These services are available every day of the week during the center’s hours of operation.

The CVC also offers a safe and positive environment, including signage with directions for persons with access and functional needs and non-English-speaking guests throughout the facility. Wheelchairs are readily available for those who need them, and expedited services and modesty rooms are also available when requested.

The CVC is open seven days a week and walk-ins are welcome. The hours of operation are Mondays and Tuesdays, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesdays and Thursdays from noon to 8 p.m. and Fridays through Sundays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Register for an appointment by visiting [covidvax.maryland.gov](http://covidvax.maryland.gov) or calling 1-855-MD-GO-VAX (1-855-634-6829). Those between the ages of 16 and 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to receive a vaccination.

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organizations to be used in the gardens for planting, but Cahalan said that, “the goal is to eventually sustain the gardens by planting each spring using the seeds collected in the seed library.” Each garden has a seed library supplied by seeds donated through one of CHEARS’ initiatives, the Chesapeake Intergenerational Open Seed Quest program. Volunteers can select two different types of seeds from CHEARS to propagate and grow, with the goal to begin to add to the supply in the seed libraries at each garden with a diverse seed collection of native, open pollinated seeds.

Each demonstration garden has a beautiful, sculptural sign marking its location. The gardens contain a number of raised beds of various sizes arranged in a circle, a small greenhouse for growing seeds and starter plantings, a tool area, compost bins, an outdoor classroom area with benches that can become a desk, a seed library and a little free library containing mostly children’s books. Each garden has a hose and a water source for watering in the summer and is sustained by three to four volunteers during the growing season. The center garden has a keyhole raised bed with a compost bin in the middle for gardeners who need to stand when gardening. This year the center garden will be focused on planting perennial vegetables such as Jerusalem artichokes.

The west garden coordinator is Carolyn Lambright-Davis. “I have elementary school age children coming to the garden [from Springhill Lake Recreation Center] and we are called the Earth Squad,” said Lambright-Davis. “The children plan what to grow, plant and help with the chores. When the children arrive, I have them walk slowly in a circle stopping [intermittently] on a paving stone to listen to nature sounds. This helps them become more centered and ready to work,” Lambright-Davis explained. There are 10 raised beds at this location for growing

strawberries, pole beans, squash, pumpkins, swiss chard, watermelons, lettuce, onions and garlic this summer. “I have a grill here and we have had cook-outs at harvest time with the children,” added Lambright-Davis.

The East garden coordinator is Effie Levner. “I am interested in the arts, so I have tried to make the garden architecturally more interesting by creating entrances into the garden using vines shaped as archways,” stated Levner. “When I first came here, the garden was neglected, but I have two very helpful volunteers who helped me clean up the beds.” The garden is filled with small surprises: wicker planters with flowers, hand-painted birdhouses and birds, handmade twig wreaths, a small wicker rocking chair and child-sized tools. These touches are designed to enchant and to “create a garden where people can enjoy the peaceful and beautiful surroundings to relax,” according to a written handout located at the garden.

For Cahalan, her hope is that these demonstration gardens have a long-lasting positive effect on the community. She said, “The vision is for people to see these gardens and maybe they will be inspired to grow a garden in their own yards.” More information about the Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens can be found at [chears.org](http://chears.org).

## Garden Club Plant Sale In Center Parking Lot

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small slits on their branches to lay their eggs. “They may accidentally bump into you – that is because they are mostly blind and not very good at flying,” explained Carpenter-Driscoll. He went on to say, “Residents should take the time to enjoy this natural phenomenon that only occurs on the East Coast. They can even partake in cicada cook-offs!”

**Don’t Use Insecticides**  
Gardeners may want to consider delaying planting trees or shrubs until July, after the cicadas are gone. Young trees can be protected with insect

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Cicada nymph

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Periodical cicadas, *Magicicada septendecim*



City Notes

At the Animal Shelter, eight newborn kittens joined three dogs, three cats and a rabbit. At the daily patrolled Dog Park, 37 permitted dogs enjoyed a romp. With park use surging, park rangers discouraged non-permitted groups and ice cream vendors.

Planning and Community Development met virtually with Code Enforcement and CARES about eviction issues. Greenbelt Homes Inc. upgrades to the Museum houses are finished, including new windows, front door and baseboard heaters.

Horticulture/Parks prepared two baseball fields. Sustainability/Environmental hosted a recycling event and a Daisy Troop planting event. Refuse/Recycling collected 29.67 tons of refuse and 11.38 tons of recyclables. Building Maintenance rearranged Youth Center bathrooms for ADA compliance and provided hallway floor maintenance at the Community Center.

In-person recreation hosted an Outdoor Movie, dance classes and Fit Family hours. The Summer Camp Guide is online with resident registration open.

Arts offered an Art Share online and Therapeutic Recreation hosted a full-capacity blood drive and delivered meals to 34 seniors.



A young pawpaw tree is protected with a cicada net.

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# Shortcut Search Continues

by Kyla Hanington

*This is the second in a series of articles on shortcuts.*

Dan has a map of Greenbelt from 2003 that includes walking trails so I gave it a good study to find shortcuts. One of the things I found was Greenbriar Park, of which I had never before heard. Dan’s map indicated an official city path in there and I do love a park, so off we went.

Greenbriar Park is at the corner of Mandan Road and Hanover Parkway and, I’ll just jump to the end of the book, is not a maintained park by the city, which means there is not an official shortcut. However, I am happy to report there are some unofficial shortcuts in there, clearly used to get to high school or to cut back and forth (as we did) from Hanover Parkway to farther along Mandan Road. I am sad to report that in the entirety of this seven-acre park, I did not find a bear.

I am not going to spend a lot of time reviewing the many, many shortcuts that are available by using the walking trails that run betwixt and between Crescent Road, Ridge Road and their cross streets, but I will tell you about one I’ve just learned about: a paved pathway between Ridge Road (at about 6 Court) that runs down to Lakeside (at Maplewood). Previously, the only real shortcuts I knew to Lakeside were cutting through my friends’ backyards (Sieglinde, I’m looking at you), so it was nice to find a more reputable one to use. This one is also fun because people are making sculptures from cut bamboo, so at the moment it’s a bit of an art exhibit.

I’d explored Greenbelt Station while looking at walks around Greenbelt, but the hunt for shortcuts carried me a lot farther around the development, which is quite gorgeous and runs along a stream bank. Dan and I saw a wild turkey off in the woods, red-winged blackbirds perched high in the reeds, Canada geese, and assorted song birds like juncos, chickadees and tufted titmice.

The path provides a shortcut between Greenbelt Station and Beltway Plaza and also provides a shortcut from Cherrywood Lane to Lake Artemesia and points beyond, if you’re feeling ambitious. If you don’t live in Greenbelt Station, you can connect to this path across from the Shell Station on Cherrywood behind Beltway Plaza.

While ambitiously walking all over town, I decided to check out the Metro station and, having done so, can confirm that the shortcut through the Metro station that leads to Hollywood Park and College Park is still accessible, although I think with the upcoming Metro closure in the summer it might be closed for a while. For now, though, you can walk from the Metro – by following the tunnel as though for the MARC train – all the way out the other side and into College Park, where you can visit friends, shop, get a coffee or just feel proud of yourself for walking all that way. Personally, pride at walking all that way is often the only thing that keeps me going.

After the Metro, I walked along Cherrywood to Ivy Lane, where I turned and headed toward Crescent Road. It is not a particularly short walk, but can



There’s a turkey hidden in this scene, taken in the woodlands off the paths behind Greenbelt Station.



The Metro station shortcut emerges at Hollywood Park in College Park.

- Photos by Kyla Hanington



A bamboo structure on the path between Ridge and Lakeside

be made shorter by taking the pedestrian walkway that runs down beyond the bank and brings you to the intersection of Crescent and Kenilworth. I detoured slightly to check out some of the walking paths around the various office buildings, and while they all seem like great ways to get a walk while working over there, I didn’t find one that seemed

an obvious shortcut to someplace else. If I missed something, please tell me!

My hunt for shortcuts continues. As former Mayor Emmett Jordan said to me, “(Greenbelt) is a great walkable city, the original plan for the center is echoed throughout...” And I am loving walking this walkable city.

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take continued efforts to keep the weeds at bay while these new plants establish themselves along with the native plants that were added last fall,” Carpenter-Driscoll said.

He added that he was able to give volunteers commemorative posters that were generously donated by local wildlife photographer Graeme Simpson (graemesimpsonimages.com) and designed by Greenbelter Jean Newcomb. The posters had been made for last year’s Earth Day event, but were not used because of Covid-19.

In addition, Carpenter-Driscoll provided swamp milkweed for the volunteers to take home and

plant in their own yards. The volunteers included the Dora Kennedy Green Club led by Martha Leighty, students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Greenbelt residents committed to improving their local environment.

Carpenter-Driscoll said that the plants are available for anyone to purchase at local nurseries. He used Chesapeake Natives and Patuxent Nursery. “I also have a native plant resource guide on the city website,” he said. See [greenbeltmd.gov/government/departments-con-t/public-works/green-steps-sustainability/plant-native](https://greenbeltmd.gov/government/departments-con-t/public-works/green-steps-sustainability/plant-native).



Volunteers gather at the pollinator garden to plant native species and attack weeds.

- Photos by Jennifer Sterling



Mia Farrow, right, and other volunteers get down to the ground to dig holes for native plants.



Shaymar Higgs of The Space Free Art For All leads a spray paint workshop for the Artful Afternoon on Saturday, April 17 on the Community Center lawn.

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